

RALEIGH, N.C. – Nearly one hundred young professionals came out to the Big Easy in downtown Raleigh on Thursday evening for the Wake County Young Republican's Christmas Party and Straw Poll. The political group, which targets young professionals in Wake County, has tripled membership in the last two years by hosting fun and educational events.

"Very few of our members had taken part in a straw poll before and we thought it would be interesting to see who they were likely to support," said Dave Reynolds, Chairman of the Wake County Young Republicans, "Typically, we'll get Rudy, Mitt and Huckabee supporters at our events. Thursday night, Ron Paul supporters wanted to make a statement, and they did." The event had a rush of Ron Paul supporters in attendance, as the group took a very strong interest in the Young Republican Straw Poll that was held during the party. The poll covered Republican candidates for both Presidential and NC Gubernatorial races.

Results of the Wake County Young Republican Straw Poll were as follows:

Republican Presidential Candidates:

Ron Paul: 53%
Rudy Giuliani: 21%
Mike Huckabee: 13%
Mitt Romney: 11%

Republican NC Gubernatorial Candidates:

Judge Bob Orr: 48%
Fred Smith: 23%
Undecided: 21%
Bill Graham: 5%

The Wake County Young Republicans will hold club elections and meet next month on Monday, January 14 at Moonlight Pizza in Downtown Raleigh.

About the Wake County Young Republicans

Membership in the Wake County Young Republicans (YRs) is open to any registered Republican between 18 and 40 years old, inclusive, who resides in Wake County. The club is a member of the N.C. Federation of Young Republicans (NCFYR) and is an auxiliary organization of the Wake County Republican Party. The Wake County Young Republicans club provides members with opportunities to get involved, develop friendships with other like-minded young professionals, learn about the political process, hear from Republican elected officials, candidates and other conservative leaders, contribute to the advancement of Republican principles and ideals, and help Republican candidates win election to public office. For more information, please contact Chairman David J. Reynolds at 919-559-9915 or davereynoldsyr@gmail.com or visit www.wakeyr.com.

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